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KIND AND GENTLE READER:—

Have you ever had anything to do, in any manner, style, shape, form or degree, with publishing a paper, magazine or other periodical? If so, you can realize my position, and sympathize with me If not all I can say is, you have something strange, weird and painful yet to learn, I have been over 6 weeks, on and off, in getting this little production out, and am distinctly and decidedly dissatisfied with the result, in so far as my part is concerned; although the printer has done his part to help me out.

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History of the Postage Stamp.

The history of the postage stamp dates back no further than 1840. To England belongs the honor of its invention, the first postage stamp having been introduced to the British Government by Rowland Hill At the present time stamps are issued all the world over, and their variety is practically endless.

Stamp collectors are to be numbered by millions, largely circulated journals are conducted in their interests, and occasional articles in such recognized leaders of public opinion as the London "Times," "Daily Telegraph," (and the "Morning Leader," if the editor will from time to time grant me space), testify to the widespread interest felt in the subject, and the usefulness of Philately as an educational factor.

The word Philately, it may be explained, is derived from the Greek philos, "fond of," and atelia, "exempt from tax." As stamps denote the prepayment of the tax, they signify exemption from tax, and the word hence comes to bear the meaning "fondness for stamps."

ADVANTAGES OF PHILATELY.

While Philately is delightful as an amusement, having a faecination for young and old, it is hardly possible to over-estimate the benefit to be derived from its pursuit, always providing that it is taken up in an intelligent spirit, not merely with the object of amassing and pocessing so many stamps, but also of studying and understanding them. Rightly undertaken, stamp collecting may be productive of much intelligent pleasure; it is valuable as giving a practical acquaintance with geography, with sidelights on the history of states, the minute attention to detail necessary in determining the different varieties brings the critical powers into play. Then again, if a collection of stamps is carefully and judiciously formed, its commercial value will increase greatly in the conrse of a few years, so that stamp collecting has this advantage over most pastimes,

that the money laid out on it is not lost in the spending, as the collection may be made a safe investment and if kept for some time it may be made a source of great profit should the owner be so disposed. As an instances of what has been done in this, Mr. Hughes-Hughes, who sold his collection in 1890 for $15,000, said he only spent about $350 on it, but that it had been laid aside for years, and its value had so grown as to produce this handsome return.

The writer bitterly regrets disposing of his first collection some ten years ago for $250—the same would now easily have fetched $5,000. Another friend, a well known police magistrate in Buluwayo, disposed of a valuable and unique collection of African stamps that had taken him many years to get together. I never knew the exact figue realized, but I do know he got married on the proceeds, and took a six months' honeymoon to Europe, and on his return had enough stamp money left to furnish a nice house I ask him once "if he regretted selling out." "Oh, no," he replied, "I have started again, and will dispose of my next collection in about 15 years, and use the money for sending my boy to Oxford."

Of course the foundation of a collection likely to become of great value requires somewhat wide experience, and foresight, but all things must have a beginning, and the inexperienced collector may be assured that if he starts his collection in a careful manner his money will at any rate not be thrown away.

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The Panama map stamps form an interesting study. The first of these stamps was issued by the Columbian Republic in1887, of which Panama then formed a state, or department. The eyes of the world had been for years on the narrow isthmus that connects the two American continents, and the stamp was probably intended as much as anything else to attract wide attention to the possibilities that lay in the opening up of a canal through that strip of land.

But Columbia, as we all now know, was not destined to reap the benefits involved in the disposal of the isthmus for canal purposes, though her shipping will of course be largely benefited through the waterway when completed.

About seven years ago when the United States' plans for an isthmian canal took definite shape the people of Panama revolted against the dominion of Columbia, and after a short and comparatively bloodless strife, carried their point and established an independent government. Thereupon the Panamians used in transporting the mails the Columbian map stamps properly overprinted or surcharged.

Another contribution to the Panama map stamps followed in the form of one gotten out by the new republic on its own account. This in turn was followed by the well-known "Canal Zone" stamps, which are merely the Panama map stamps overprinted with the words, "Canal Zone," and issued for use in

the strip of territory paralleling the canal route and ceded to the United States by Panama.

Nicaragua has also had a map stamp, and this was probably issued with the same intent to advertise the suggested Nicaraguan route for an isthmus canal that animated Columbia to stamp-advertise Panama. Venezuela also issued a map stamp in 1896.

COINS.

Japanese coins are generally of iron.

In Siam coins are cheifly of porcelain.

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The smallest coin in actual circulation is a wafer, made from a resinous juice, and used by the natives of the Malay Peninsula.

Forgeries in coin are of three varieties, viz.:– those cast from genuine originals, from electrotypes, and those made from engraved dies.

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